

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Army Spouse Employment Partnership

1. Purpose: To provide information about The Army Spouse Employment Partnership for the ACSIM Brief to the International City Managers Conference.

2. Facts:

a. The Army is in the process of forming a partnership with fourteen Fortune 500 Companies to increase employment opportunities for Army spouses.

b. This initiative is in response to the FY 2002 National Defense Authorization Act. The FY 2002 National Defense Act required the Secretary of Defense to seek ways of developing partnerships with firms in the private sector to enhance employment opportunities for spouses of members of the armed forces and to provide for improved job portability for such spouses, especially in the case of the spouse of a member of the armed forces accompanying the member to a new geographical area because of a change of permanent duty station of the member."

c. The former Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA), General Eric K. Shinseki, directed the United States Army Community and Family Support Center to reinvigorate the spouse employment program by enhancing collaborate partnerships with the private and public sector to create opportunities for careers and training for military spouses.

d. In December 2002 the CSA and CFSC hosted a Summit with senior executives from 16 Fortune 500 companies to explore the establishment of a Partnership.

e. The Army will unveil its Spouse Employment Partnership on Tuesday, 7 October during the annual convention of the Association of United States Army.

f. Partner companies: AAFES, Bell South, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Computer Sciences Corporation, CVS Pharmacy, Dell Computer Corporation, Home Depot, Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Lockheed Martin, Manpower, Inc., Merck & Company, Sears Logistics Services, Inc., Sprint, Visiting Nurses Association of America.

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